



# **Quick Start Guide**

Follow these instructions to set up your Gini Learning Keyboard™.

#### Introduction

Thank you for buying the **Gini Learning Keyboard™**. The **Gini Learning Keyboard™** includes songs and games based on the Gini Method created by renowned pianist Giovanni Marradi. This system uses a simplified notation to make reading music easier to learn so that children can quickly begin mastering songs and exploring musical concepts. The basis for the system are the Gini Avatars—letters, numbers, and avatars which represent each key on the piano. Different colors represent different octaves to allow children to quickly identify where on the keyboard they should focus their attention.

You may want to start your child in **Standalone Mode**, where our innovative in-key light system not only shows the notes that a child should play for a song, but also shows which note is coming up so that children have time to prepare and position their hands properly to play a song. Once children gain confidence by playing a few of the included songs, they can begin to explore the TV-connected content by unlocking games in the **Adventure Story**. These games focus on specific skills and musical concepts that will help your child learn to play piano and to explore the wonderful world of music.



## Gini Learning Keyboard™ TV Mode Quick Reference

Game	Curriculum				
	Gini Notation	Gini Value	Gini Beat	Fingering	Chords
Launch the Fireworks	•				
Rockin' Aliens		0	•		
Rescue that Rocket			0	•	0
Alien Dance Party		0	•		
Green Thumb Gardening				•	
Giant Music Player	•	0	0		0
Jetpack Journey	•	0	0		
Meteor Catch	•	0			
Jam Session	•				
Play a Song	•	0	0	0	0

Main Curriculum

o Secondary Curriculum

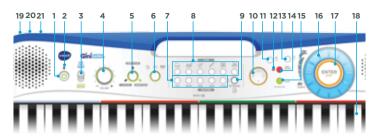


# Parent Tip #1

While the games and practice activities are all meant to be played by the child on their own, music is a complex concept. They will learn quicker and more easily if you help them along by modeling the activities for them.

## **Product Features**

## Gini Learning Keyboard™



- Power Button
- 2 Power Indicator / Connection Indicator (Keyboard)
- 3 Standalone / TV Mode Switch
- 4 Volume Knob
- 5 Mode Button (Free Play / Listen / Practice)
- 6 Avatars / Letters Button
- 7 5 Rhythm Buttons (Pop / Rock / R&B / Jazz / Latin)
- 8 6 Instrument Buttons (Piano / Marimba / Strings / Flute / Synthesizer / Steel Drum)
- 9 Metronome Button
- 10 D-Pad (8-Directional)
- 11 Exit Button
- 12 Record indicator
- 13 Help Button
- 14 Record Button (Red Button)
- 15 Play Button (Green Button)
- 16 Smart Wheel
- 17 Stop Button (Enter Button)
- 18 Keyboard
- 19 DC Jack
- 20 Microphone Jack (Microphone not Included)
- 21 Headphone Jack

#### Standalone Mode



In **Standalone Mode**, the **Gini Learning Keyboard™** includes a variety of different features that allow children to explore musical concepts and learn to play the piano.

## Modes of playing 💍



In **Free Play**, there are a variety of instrument sounds and rhythms children can use to create their own music. There's also a record feature that allows children to make a short recording of a song they've composed. Additional recording space is found in **TV Mode**.

In **Listen**, children can hear each of the 20 bundled songs in order to learn the melody and get a sense for how each song should be played. The avatars or letters can light up in this mode in order to show children which keys are being played throughout a song.

In **Practice**, an innovative LED light system shows children what keys to press to play the song. To improve the ability to learn, these LED lights do not just light up at the moment they should be played, but rather travel down the appropriate key to indicate that key is coming, allowing children to anticipate notes and get their hands ready to play in plenty of time.



#### Parent Tip #2

Set aside a specific amount of time each week for practice. Children need the repetition to learn musical concepts, but they also need repetition to gain the finger strength and dexterity necessary to perform.

## TV Mode



**TV Mode** allows children to explore music and learn piano skills through a series of interactive games and activities. The **Adventure Story** brings children from the basics of identifying different keys on the piano to playing basic one-hand songs to playing music with both hands and how to play chords. As children complete games, they become available in **Quick Play** on the TV so children can improve their skills and master the available games.

Additionally, the **Play a Song** and **Jam Session** sections of **TV Mode** allow children to explore a variety of songs and even record their own music. Look for the sections of **TV Mode** that your child enjoys best and encourage them to revisit these sections as they improve their skills. Going back to replay songs and games is an excellent way to enhance learning, improve skills, build confidence, and foster an appreciation of music. All of these are necessary for a child to truly learn piano.



#### Parent Tip #3

Some skills will come easier to your child while others will be true challenges. Encourage them to replay the easy games to gain confidence and skill while replaying the difficult games to see how much their skills have grown.

## **TV Console**



- 22 Power Button
- 23 Power Indicator / Connection Indicator (TV Console)
- 24 DC Jack
- 25 Micro-USB Port
- 26 HDMI Out Port
- 27 Back up Battery
- 28 microSD Card Slot (microSD Card Not Included)

#### Parent Tip #4

Correct fingering and hand position are very important to playing at tempo. Watch your child play and see if they are using the suggested fingering and hand position. If not, gently guide them to improve their hand position and to use multiple fingers to press keys.

#### **Downloadable Content**



Additional Downloadable Content is available for purchase via the **Downloaded Songs** section of the **Gini Learning Keyboard™** Menu. Downloadable content includes additional **Songs** to learn, **Keyboard Games**, and **Additional Content**. Learn and explore even more with these exciting expansions.

**Downloaded Songs** - Downloadable songs include classic kids and piano songs as well as hit songs from some of today's hottest artists. Play downloaded songs in four different games across multiple levels of difficulty. This will help your child learn the notes of the song and allow them to practice playing it in a fun way.

**Keyboard Games** - Build finger strength and dexterity with these keyboard-based games. A variety of formats give children the opportunity to practice musical concepts within games. Keep learning fresh with fun, engaging keyboard games.

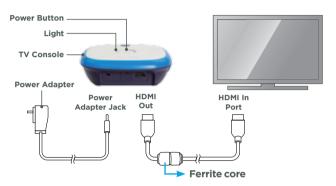
Additional Content - Find a selection of additional games and other content, such as music, educational games, videos, and more. Explore the downloaded content to maximize the fun in your **Gini Learning Keyboard™**.



Keyboard Games and Additional Content can be found by pressing the **Red Button** to go to the next page of the Home screen.

# Connecting the TV Console to a TV

- 1. Turn off your television set.
- Plug the end of the HDMI cable nearest to the Ferrite Core into the HDMI
  Out port located on the back of the TV Console, and then connect the
  other end to the HDMI In port on the television.
- Insert the Power Adapter Jack into the TV Console, and then plug the Power Adapter into a power outlet.



- 4. Turn on the television, and then set the proper HDMI input.
- 5. Press and hold the **Power Button** (a) on the **TV Console** until the green light comes on.
- 6. To turn the **TV Console** off, press the **Power Button** again. The green light will turn off.

# **Powering the Keyboard**

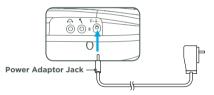
#### Battery Installation (For 4 "D" Batteries)

- 1. Open the battery compartment located under the keyboard.
- 2. Insert 4 "D" cell batteries, following the diagram inside the battery compartment.
- 3. Replace the battery cover



## Power Adapter

There is a single **Power Adapter** included in the package. It works with both the **TV Console** and the keyboard. If you would prefer to not run the keyboard on battery power during **TV Mode**, additional power adapters are available separately. Insert the **Power Adapter Jack** into the keyboard, and then plug the **Power Adapter** into a power outlet.



## Wirelessly Connecting the Keyboard to the TV Console

- Press the keyboard's **Power Button** to turn on the controller. Toggle the keyboard into **TV Mode**.
- Once a wireless connection between the keyboard and the TV Console is established, a sound effect indicating connection will be heard.
- 3. When finished, press the keyboard's Power Button to turn it off.

**Note:** If the unit repeatedly powers down or disconnects, we suggest changing to new batteries. The **Green light** of the **Power Button** will flash several times and power down when the unit's battery level is low.

# **Connecting the Console to Wi-Fi**

To adjust the console's Wi-Fi connection:

- Select the Green Button in the Profile Selection menu to access Parental Controls directly, or select the Green Button within the console desktop area and then select the Parental Controls icon.
- 2. In the Parental Controls menu, select Wi-Fi Settings.



3. Make sure Wi-Fi is on. The television will list the available networks. Select the network that you would like to connect to, and enter a password if needed. When the connection is set up, select the check mark at the top of the screen to return to the Parental Controls menu. Note: Gini Learning Keyboard<sup>TM</sup> supports 802.11 b/g/n wireless standards.



# Setting up the Gini Learning Keyboard™

Follow these steps to set up your **Gini Learning Keyboard™** before the first use:

- 1. Set up a Wi-Fi Internet connection.
- 2. Your **Gini Learning Keyboard™** console may require a firmware update before use. If this is the case, follow the instructions on screen to download and install the firmware update.
- Once installation is completed the console will restart, and you will prompted to register your Gini Learning Keyboard™. Complete the necessary steps to register your console.
- 4. Don't forget to set a parental control passcode when you're done to prevent your child from accessing the console settings.





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